



## **New Jersey Department of Children and Families Policy Manual**

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Title	10	Human Services	
Chapter	133K	New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act Procedures And Requirements	8/10/2007
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Section	13	<b>Actions taken when identification of safe haven infant's parent or family is determined (N.J.A.C. 10:133K-1.13)</b>	

### **§10:133K-1.13 Actions taken when identification of safe haven infant's parent or family is determined**

(a) If the Division becomes aware of the identity of a safe haven infant's parent, birth family or the person who brought the infant to, and left the infant at, the police station or hospital emergency department before the parental rights of the infant's parent or parents are terminated, the Division representative shall consult the Deputy Attorney General in order to make a determination, on a case-by-case basis, whether to attempt to contact the parent or parents or to notify members of the birth family of the existence of the safe haven infant, to thereby work with the parent or parents or family in developing a permanent plan for the infant, or to pursue another course of action. When making a determination, the factors to consider shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

1. The safety and protection of the infant;
2. The safety of each parent;
3. The intent or apparent intent of the parent, or other person acting on behalf of the parent, who brought the infant to the police station or hospital emergency department under the protections provided by the Act;
4. The parental rights of the other parent, including the rights of the birth father and the legal father; and
5. The infant's rights to a permanent home, including the infant's right to reside with and be raised by a parent or another member of his or her birth family, whenever possible.

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